

# Honolulu Star-Bulletin

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Stand close to all, but lean on none.  
And if the crowd desert you,  
Stand just as fearlessly alone  
As if a throng begirt you.

—W. S. Shurtleff.

## REPUBLICAN WINNERS

That a record of efficiency in public office is the best assurance of retention by the people is illustrated notably in the political prospects of three Republican nominees on the county ticket.—Auditor Bicknell, Clerk Kalaokalani, and County Attorney Cathcart.

When the Republicans were hunting suitable timber for the fall campaign, they didn't have to worry about these three offices. The men in them have done their duty and more. They have the confidence of the public. In the past their election has been by large majorities and such will again be the case. The STAR-BULLETIN has no hesitation in agreeing with the Republican convention that the official record of these three men entitles them to re-election. They are men for whom votes will come from the people regardless of party lines.

## CHOOSING SUPERVISORS

If ever the affairs of this city and county clamored for an administration by men who are used to handling financial matters, they do now. The next board of supervisors will face an enormous problem in bringing the city's finances to a basis where improvements can go ahead. There is not room on that board for a blockhead or a dullard. In men like E. H. Paris, the voters may find the qualities of business judgment so sorely needed. Above all things, Honolulu must have men on the board who can initiate and carry out some progressive financial policy. Mr. Paris was born in the islands and has given twenty-two successive years to one big firm here in an efficient manner that speaks for itself. A board of supervisors made up of Paris, Carlos Long, J. B. Enos, Lester Peirce, John Markham, Andrew Cox and Charles Arnold would combine experience, capability, initiative and vote-getting ability.

Honolulu cannot afford to carry dead weight on its board of supervisors during the next two years. Every man must count for progress.

## PORTUGAL'S ACHIEVEMENT

Portuguese of Hawaii who are today celebrating the second anniversary of the founding of their republic may well be congratulated upon the brilliant success that has attended popular government in the European country.

Under the republic, Portugal has made more internal progress than in many decades before, and has progressed also in the esteem of the world powers. The republic is securing prestige at home and abroad that the Braganza dynasty could never attain. Sweeping away the artificial barriers set up by an outgrown and weakly monarchical form of government, Portugal's leaders have begun the building of a great and democratic rule by the people.

Manuel and the royalists have thrice failed in plots to overthrow the republic, and this danger is no longer to be feared if the wise administration of d'Arriaga and his associates be continued. The republican government is securing the confidence of a people somewhat distrustful from unhappy experience with an autocratic rule, and one by one the chaotic, the unfortunate conditions of the past are giving way to better things. Portugal's arts and sciences are flourishing in a new and fertile soil; education is advancing rapidly; the people are not taxed to furnish funds for royal excesses. Her attainment of substantial footing in so short a time is remarkable, and the world joins with this republic in belief that the brighter day has come to remain.

## UNCLE SAM AND THE CHINESE LOAN

Uncle Sam is likely to come out of the Chinese loan complication with international advantage, if the cards are played right. Just now it looks as if the United States will be friend China in its hour of financial need and secure a powerful commercial ally.

Explanations of the failure of the six have been attempted, but the true so far is only hinted at. It appears

now that Russia and Japan demanded exorbitant privileges in Mongolia and Manchuria in return for their financial help, and the powers as a whole declined to recognize the Chinese republic until the government would submit to the terms of the loan.

Kwangtung province has firmly declined to enter into any such arrangement, believing that as a province it can borrow wheresoever it sees fit, and its government is now beginning negotiations with America. The Chinese in the south believe that Uncle Sam will not demand political and industrial privileges such as Russia and Japan have demanded, and already there is a feeling growing up that all of China should turn to Uncle Sam for advice and assistance.

Chinese throughout the south are opposed to the regulations for the supervision of expenditures of the advances made by the bankers to China. According to the regulations, the ministry of finance will organize an auditing department. There will be one auditor employed and paid by the Chinese government. This department will be separate from the ministry of finance. Chinese in the south declare this first provision would give the foreign auditor equal power with the Chinese. According to the estimated income and expenditures for 1912, issued by the minister of finance, China will have an income of 297,000,000 taels and an expenditure of 576,000,000 taels, giving a deficit of 279,000,000 taels. This shows that China will have to borrow several hundred millions for ordinary expenses alone.

It also is provided that all orders on the banks for funds from the advances placed at the government's disposal must be signed by the auditors. From the reading of this the Chinese believe that the auditors have the right to refuse to sign any order they do not approve. It will then be the auditors and not the national council and the president who have the final right over an appropriation. Not one auditor, but the two auditors must sign an order, and the final authority will be in the hands of the representatives of the bankers, as the Chinese auditor is supposed to look after the interests of the Chinese government more or less. If this is not an attempt of the foreign governments to regulate the affairs of China to their own interests through the supervision of its finances, the Chinese would like to know what it is.

The ministry of finance engages to furnish the bankers, from time to time, for their approval, specific statements of the objects for which funds obtained from the advances will be expended. The statements must first have the approval of the national council and must be published in the Official Gazette. The ministry of finance also will furnish the auditors with detailed paysheets and statements to support the government's requisitions for funds. The auditors will examine these, and if satisfied that all is in good order, will sign the requisitions.

To make China ever dependent on foreign loans, necessary to purchase only from countries interested in the loan, unable to make war on the powers represented in the syndicate now composed of six nations by adding Russia and Japan to the United States, Germany, England and France, are all what the Chinese in general suspect the foreign governments would attempt.

Now that the Floral Parade plans are under way, let's hear from the public as to the hour for the parade itself. Last year, after the hour was announced for the afternoon, there were several roars. The Star-Bulletin will be glad to receive and to publish suggestions from people as to the best hour for the parade on February 22.

The Promotion Committee needs more coin—and should get it. The volume of tourist traffic that has poured into this port for two years past is sufficient evidence that the committee is doing its work well.

Hawaii is not so very different from some states of the Union in having no man of prominence for governor who is not allied with sugar and other trust interests.—New York World.

One of the worst things about this new European war is the certainty that all the punsters will now get busy with Hungary, Turkey and Greece.

"Off with the old war and on with the new" is Turkey's plan of action.

## LITTLE INTERVIEWS

H. M. AYRES—I have launched my little sheet and if it floats it ought to make good. It's something on the style of a London journal, y'know.

JAMES A. RATH—I have tried my best to get the streets of the Palama district oiled, but the work is never done. I guess I will have to leave it to the Palama Improvement Club.

JUDGE W. L. WHITNEY—The Big Brother movement, which was started in Honolulu some time ago, promises to meet with success in every way. Sixteen men have already taken up the duties of a Big Brother.

DUKE KAHANAMOKU—I am going to try and get up a big water carnival for Floral Parade Day. This ought to attract the attention of a few of the amateur swimmers of the city who are anxious to show their talent.

WILLIS T. POPE—By using the double session each day, the arrangement to relieve the crowded condition of the public schools is proving successful. There have been no complaints made directly to me on this subject.

O. B. LIGHTFOOT—There will be a series of races next season between the Healanis and the Myrtles to decide which club shall send a team to the coast in an endeavor to win back the championship.

A. T. WISDOM—Hereafter the Y. M. C. A. Lyric Club will have to practice in some other place besides the balcony of the building. I was almost tempted to go out and dance the other night myself.

## DETAILS GIVEN

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dent; Georg Rodiek, vice-president; F. Klamp, treasurer; C. G. Owen, secretary; J. P. Curtis, director.

Story of the Fire. Following is the letter to the agents giving an account of the fire: "Kailua, Hawaii, Oct. 4, 1912. Messrs. H. Hackfeld & Co., Ltd., Honolulu.

"Gentlemen: We beg to confirm wireless message of the 3rd inst., as follows: Fermenting house and on fire contents totally destroyed, fire 5:30 p. m., Oct. 2d.; cigar factory also; cause unknown; the only salvage about 6000 cigars; particulars Mauna Kea."

Building Was Deserted. The fire broke out about 5:30 o'clock p. m., or one hour after all hands had quit work. There is no way of ascertaining the origin.

Mr. Daniels was at Napoopoo looking after the incoming freight, and Messrs. Schrader and Bottleson were at the residence, where they were notified of the fire by the Chinese children of the storekeeper who live some distance below the residence and could see fire, as it was on the northwest side that same was first seen.

Messrs. Schrader and Bottleson rushed down, but it was of no use, as the whole thing burst into a flame and there was so much smoke that they did not dare go inside.

Fire Made Quick Work. They ran around the building to the cigar factory and pulled out a case of cigars and then could do nothing more owing to the heat. The whole thing was level with the ground in 55 minutes.

"It is the custom there to sprinkle the floor and sweep out the aisles and place all the chairs and stools on the work benches every night after the help have quit. This was done as usual and the place closed. The night watchman goes on duty at 6 o'clock, but the fire occurred half an hour previous to his going on duty. Loss of Tobacco.

The entire 1911 crop was consumed, as well as all the stock of the cigar company, which, as you know, was stored in the fermenting house, also 7,885 lbs. of the 1912 crop. There were also 10,155 lbs. of the Hawaiian Tobacco Co. tobacco in the fermenting house, which is covered by insurance in the name of the Hawaiian Tobacco Co.

Makeshift Quarters Proposed.

As a makeshift the boarding house will have to be altered and same used to do the fermenting of the crop now being harvested; there are a number of rooms upstairs which can be used and the downstairs can be used as a sorting room temporarily, as we presume that under the existing circumstances the directors will not want to erect a new fermenting house at present. Of course, the boarding house is not properly equipped for this work, but it will have to do under the circumstances, as the cured tobacco has to have attention to save it, and there would be no time to build, as the cured tobacco is being taken down from the curing barns almost weekly.

Other Buildings Imperilled. They had a hard time to save the residence, as the wind was blowing from makai so that the heat was in-

## U. S. MARINE IS ACCIDENTALLY SHOT

Wounded While Practicing Rifle-Firing by Comrade. Not Serious

The first shooting accident to marines or bluejackets at Pearl Harbor, occurred yesterday morning, when Private Charles Francis McCourt, U. S. M. C., was accidentally shot by a companion, Private Buckley. Fortunately, the accident, though extremely painful, is not as serious as at first supposed, the patient being reported as doing well this morning.

McCourt and Buckley were practicing with one of the .22-caliber rifles used for subcaliber practice, which shoots small ammunition about the size of BB caps. In some way, which neither of the men can explain, the rifle in Buckley's hands was discharged, the bullet entering McCourt's knee and ranging downward.

The accident was at once reported by telephone to the naval station, and medical attendance was sent down at once in the steam launch. McCourt's injury was dressed and he was brought in the launch to Honolulu. At the naval surgery it was stated this morning that he was doing as well as could be expected, and that there was small danger of permanent injury, the bullet, on account of its small size, having done little damage in the way of shattered bones.

## BAKER WRITES OF QUEEN IN AM. MAGAZINE

A full-page portrait of Queen Liliuokalani and a sympathetic sketch, with the initials "R. S. B." make the "Interesting People" department of the October American Magazine particularly interesting to Hawaii.

The initials are easily recognizable as those of Ray Stannard Baker, the magazine writer, who was here some months ago. In his little sketch Baker says:

"At one time some twenty years ago there was no more unique and interesting figure before the American public than Liliuokalani, queen of the Sandwich Islands. For weeks during the administration of President Cleveland, while she was struggling to retain the royal crown of Hawaii, her doings filled the American press and she was a favorite subject for the jibes of cartoonists and paragraphers.

"I saw her recently in Honolulu. She was driving out, according to her custom, in an open carriage—a really impressive figure, large, dark and with an air of distinction not uncommonly. In earlier years a woman of force and pride, she has now retired and at the age of seventy lives serenely in a beautiful old home shaded with tropical foliage only a stone's throw from the palace where she once reigned—the palace where now sits the American governor. She shuns publicity, but she loves to gather groups of her old friends about her, and to listen to the singing of the sweet Hawaiian songs. Though having no longer any power, she is yet looked up to as a venerated by all her people—all the pathetic remnant of a once numerous race of islanders. While she was bitterly attacked in her day by the Americans who wished to rule the islands, and while she caused the revolution which cost her a crown, there are many today who will tell you that, after all, she was only making a last forlorn stand for people and for her throne against the encroachments of the eager, busy, destructive, irresistible, orderly white man. After it was all over and she came back to Honolulu, the new American government voted her a generous pension, and she has been living quietly upon it ever since. Those who know her intimately say she is a woman of fine intelligence and possessed of many truly queenly qualities. With her will die the last crowned head of the Sandwich Islands."

tense. All the books, etc., were removed from the office and the household goods of the occupants of the residence as well. Fortunately the wind shifted; otherwise, if the residence had caught fire, it is possible that the mill and store would have also been consumed.

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	Price.
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Kinai, Street .....	50.00
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### Unfurnished

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Kaimuki .....	\$20.00, \$27.50, \$30.00
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